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**Readers Guide**

**Local Government Ch. 12, sec.1-2 p.320-334**

**Part I – Vocabulary**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 1. How many different types of local governments are identified by the Virginia Constitution?

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 2. Where do all local governments get their authority?

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 3. His job is to maintain law enforcement for a local government

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 4. His job is to maintain vital records of the circuit court for a local government

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 5. Their jobs are to look after a local government’s finances.

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 6. Location of the headquarters of a county government

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 7. Local laws

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 8. Group elected to act as a legislature for counties in Virginia.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 9. Counties hire a professional one to oversee day-to-day operations

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 10. Group of people elected (or appointed) to oversee operations of public schools

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**11. Official who is chief executive to ceremonial head of government in a city or town

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 12. In a “weak mayor” system it acts as legislature and executive

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 13. Example a city that uses a “Strong mayor” system where he holds executive power

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**14. Newport News, Virginia Beach and Norfolk use this type of plan where City council makes ordinances, but a professional city manager runs day-to-day affairs.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 15. It defines the powers of each individual local government

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 16. Public services such as water, waste treatment and garbage collection

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**Part II. Short answer**

18. Give an example of a public safety threat **local** government must be ready to respond to that comes from far beyond the local community?

19. What is the elected law-making body of Virginia towns called?

20. How are Virginia cities different from almost every other city in the U.S.?

21. They perform legislative tasks for city governments?

22. What is the largest item in a local government’s budget?

23. Its profits offset the amount of money the General Assembly would have to raise in taxes to support education

24. Which types of businesses are inspected by local governments for public health compliance?

25. This tax accounts for about 30% of local revenue for Virginia governments?

26. Give an example of a government service that often has a service charge?